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**RIDLEY-THOMAS STATEMENT ON THE PASSING  
OF 115-YEAR-OLD GERTRUDE BAINES**

*Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today issued the following statement on the passing of Gertrude Baines, the world's oldest person. Baines died today at age 115 at a convalescent home in the West Adams area, located in the Second Supervisorial District.*

"Gertrude Baines was a beacon in our community -- someone whose life demonstrated perseverance in the truest sense of the word. She lived from Jim Crow to Barack Obama, sustained by faith, the company of others and her beloved Los Angeles Dodgers."

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